

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image receiver material comprising:

a separator including a release sheet base material and a release agent layer

provided over one surface thereof; and

an image receiver sheet including a receiver sheet base material and an adhesive layer provided over one surface thereof; wherein

said separator and the image receiver sheet are releasably attached to each other, with the release agent layer of said separator facing the adhesive layer of said image receiver sheet;

said image receiver sheet being provided with a [[half-]] cut in a direction substantially perpendicular to a feed/eject direction for a paper sheet of the image receiver material in a printer, and with a stress relaxing means formed adjacent said [[half-]] cut in said feed/eject direction.

2. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means is a dummy half-cut provided substantially parallel to said half-cut and provided in a direction substantially perpendicular to the feed/eject direction.

3. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the depths of said half-cut and the dummy half-cut are 100 to 150% of the thickness of the image receiver sheet; and

wherein a width of said dummy half-cut is at least 40% of the width of the image receiver sheet.

4. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a dye receiver layer for receiving a dye transferred upon being melted or sublimated by heat, or an ink receiver layer for receiving an ink, is formed over a surface of the image receiver sheet opposite to said adhesive layer of the image receiver sheet.

5. (Currently Amended) An image receiver material of the seal type comprising:

a separator including a release sheet base material and a release agent layer provided over one surface thereof; and

an image receiver sheet including a receiver sheet base material and an adhesive layer provided over one surface thereof; wherein

said separator and the image receiver sheet are releasably attached to each other with the release agent layer of said separator facing the adhesive layer of said image receiver sheet;

said image receiver sheet being provided with a [[half-]] cut in a direction substantially perpendicular to the feed/eject direction for a paper sheet of the image receiver material in a printer, and with a dummy half-cut substantially parallel to said half-cut, the distance

between said half-cut and the dummy half-cut being $2/1$ to $1/10$ of a roll diameter of a smallest transport roll of said printer.

6. (Currently Amended) The image receiver material according to claim 5, wherein the depth of each of said [[half-]] cut and the dummy half-cut is 100 to 150% of the thickness of the image receiver sheet; and

wherein the width of said dummy half-cut is at least 40% of the image receiver sheet.

7. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 5 or 6, wherein a dye receiver layer receiving a dye melted or sublimated by heat, or an ink receiver layer for receiving an ink, is formed over a surface of said image receiver sheet opposite to said adhesive layer of the image receiver sheet.

8. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises a dummy half-cut.

9. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises a dummy quarter-cut.

10. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises perforations.

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11. (Previously Presented) The image receiver material according to claim 1, wherein said stress relaxing means comprises a skim.